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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the Office action mailed August 3, 2004 ended on November 3, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition for a one month extension of time, up to and including December 3, 2004, to respond to the Office action. Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the one month extension of time fee.

In response to the Office action mailed August 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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